

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of this application. Claims 2-11 have been rejected. Claims 2-11 have been canceled. Claims 12-22 have been added. Claims 12-22 are clearly supported by the specification and, as such, no new matter has been added. Figures 1 and 2 have been replaced with formalized figures. Figures 3 and 4 have been added to illustrate the specification and, as such, no new matter has been added. Additionally, some paragraphs have been amended to correct typographic errors and some paragraphs have been added to more clearly describe the invention. The added paragraphs merely summarize parts of the specification and, as such, no new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendment and the following remarks submitted in support thereof.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph:

The Examiner rejected claims 2-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and to use the invention. Although Applicant believes that the subject matter is described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to make and to use the invention, Applicant cancels claims 2-11 and adds claims 12-22 to clarify the invention in view of the specification. In particular, the added claims principally define a deployment descriptor and deploying a resource adapter based on properties defined in the deployment descriptor.

With regard to the deployment descriptor, Applicant directs the Examiner to: page 4, lines 10-12; page 6, lines 1-5; page 10, lines 14-16 in the detailed description for support. Furthermore, reference is made to the exemplary source code with step-by-step explanation

to implement the deployment descriptor, beginning on page 19, line 16 and ending on page 30, line 8 in the detailed description. Specifically, the detailed description structures the exemplary source code of the deployment descriptor by describing each element of the deployment descriptor. For example, explanations and source code for a root element (i.e., connector element) of the deployment descriptor are disclosed from page 19, line 20 through page 20, line 11. Explanations and source code for a security permission element are disclosed from page 27, line 14 through page 30, line 8. With regard to deploying the resource adapter based on properties defined in the deployment descriptor, reference is made to an exemplary source code to implement deployment, beginning on page 13, line 18 through page 18, line 16.

Thus, the Applicant submits that added claims 12-22 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph because the above-referenced terms used in claims 12-22 have clear support in the description such that the meaning of the terms is ascertainable by reference to the description. The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph:

The Examiner also rejected claims 2-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In particular, the Examiner noted that there is "no functional relationships recited between components or method steps of the resource adapter such that desired results set forth in the preambles can be achieved" (see Final Office Action mailed 9/11/2003 at page 3). Although the Applicant believes that appropriate interrelation of elements is provided, in an effort to provide more clarity, the Applicant cancels claims 2-11 and adds claims 2-22 to more clearly

define the functional relationships between the components. Claims 12-22 are clearly defined in the detailed description and, as such, no new matter has been added. In view of these amendments, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims 12-22 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900 ext. 6924. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. SUNMP148). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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